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Oversize Load Operated By Loaded Driver

On May 31, 2006 at approximately 4:30 AM, Gregg P. Dokter, a resident of Big Bear Lake California was driving a 1978 Kenworth semi truck pulling a trailer containing a piece of heavy equipment weighing in excess of 140,000 pounds. The truck belonged to Groat Brothers Inc. of Woodland Wa.

Dokter drove into the Ridgefield Port of Entry (WSP Scale) on northbound I-5 at milepost 15. Dokter was contacted by Commercial Vehicle Officer Mike Nesary when the officer noticed inadequate lighting on the extremities of the load.

Officer Nesary observed that Dokter was avoiding any close contact and keeping his distance. Officer Nesary then detected a faint odor of intoxicants coming from the driver. Officer Nesary performed a voluntary portable breath test (PBT) on Dokter which revealed alcohol was present.

Officer Nesary requested that a trooper respond to further evaluate Mr. Dokter and perform field sobriety tests. Mr. Dokter was subsequently cited and released for DUI. The equipment was placed out of service for insufficient lighting on the load.

This is the eighth alcohol related incident at the Port of Entry, after a string of commercial driver's were arrested for DUI in February of this year.

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